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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1947

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETEL HA

SUBJ: HAITIAN POSTAL DEBT

REF: DEPARTMENT'S A-85; STATE 76586

1. EMBASSY HAS TRANSMITTED TO COMMERCE SECRETARY ANDRE THE COPY OF USPS GENERAL STATEMENT ENCLOSED WITH REPAIR AND DRAWN HIS ATTENTION TO STEADY ACCUMULATION OF NEW GOH POSTAL DEBTS. SECRETARY ANDRE STATED HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH GOH POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND URGE PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF THESE ACCOUNTS. HE NOTED THAT PAYMENT OF POSTAL DEBTS IS NOT RPT NO BUDGET ITEM; RATHER, A PORTION OF THE RECEIPTS FROM STAMP SALES IS EARMARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS PORTION OF STAMP RECEIPTS OFTEN IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET POSTAL DEBTS ON CURRENT BASIS.

2. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOH HAS BEEN MAKING MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$4,783.00 TO RETIRE POSTAL DEBTS CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 30, 1970. HOWEVER, GOH CONTINUES TO FALL BEHIND IN CURRENT PAYMENTS, LARGELY FOR REASONS ENUMERATED IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. POSTAL ADVISORY TEAM AFTER A JULY 1970 VISIT TO HAITI. DESPITE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS, IT APPEARS THAT GOH HAS FAILED TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT FOR POSTAL SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOH IS CONTEMPLATING A REORGANIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF POSTAL SYSTEM DURING COMING FIVE YEAR PLANNING PERIOD, AND THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION HAS REPORTEDLY OFFERED ASSISTANCE IN THIS EFFORT, ALTHOUGH NO REAL PLANS

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OR DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN MADE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A

SECOND APPROACH TO GOH UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT  
PAYMENT OF POSTAL DEBT IS NEEDED AND PLANS TO MAKE IT  
SHORTLY. WE WILL ALSO FURNISH COPY OF REPORT OF R.S.  
POSTAL ADVISORY TEAM FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PLANNING IMPROVE-  
MENTS TO HAITIAN POSTAL SYSTEM. IN THE MEANTIME ANY  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
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